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Customer Number 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 1706-34-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Roy Zisapel et al.) Group Art Unit: 2154
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned) Examiner: K. Coulter
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For: Load Balancing)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 5, 6, 7 and 18 as follows:

5. (Amended) A method for non-geographical load balancing requests on a network, the method comprising:
determining the network proximity of a requestor with respect to each of at least two [load balancers] servers located at different geographical locations;
designating a closest one of said [load balancers] at least two servers by ranking said [load balancers] at least two servers by network proximity; and
directing requests from said requestor to [said closest load balancer] one of said at least two servers having greatest network proximity.

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